

Local Highway Technical Assistance Council

Senate Transportation Committee

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Founding of LHTAC

- Needs of Local Highway Jurisdictions (LHJs)
 - Advocates: Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho Association of Counties, Idaho Association of Highway Districts
 - Most LHJs without an engineer
 - Local Federal-aid delivery
- 1994 - Legislature establishes LHTAC under I.C. Chapter 24, Title 40

TITLE 40
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES
CHAPTER 24

LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

40-2401. LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL. (1) A local highway technical assistance council is hereby created. The council shall be a public agency, and is the instrumentality of its member jurisdictions. The council and its officers and employees shall not be subject to the administrative or management control of the Idaho Transportation Department.



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2. Develop uniform standards and procedures that may be recommended to its member jurisdictions for the construction, maintenance, use, operation and administration of local highways;
3. Cooperate with, receive and expend aid and donations from the federal or state governments, and from other sources for the administration and operation of the council;
4. Make recommendations to the Board of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for the distribution and prioritization of federal funds for local highway projects;
5. Assist the legislature by providing research and data relating to transportation matters affecting local highway jurisdictions within the state;
6. Maintain and disseminate information to local highway jurisdictions of federal and state legislation and administrative rules and regulations affecting local highway jurisdictions;
7. Maintain and disseminate information to local highway jurisdictions of activities relating to ground transportation in other states;
8. When authorized by the local highway jurisdiction, to act for that local jurisdiction through a joint exercise of powers agreement with any other local jurisdiction, any agency of the state of Idaho, or any agency of the federal government;
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10. Be the sole and exclusive authority for the expenditure of moneys made available by appropriation or otherwise to the Council.

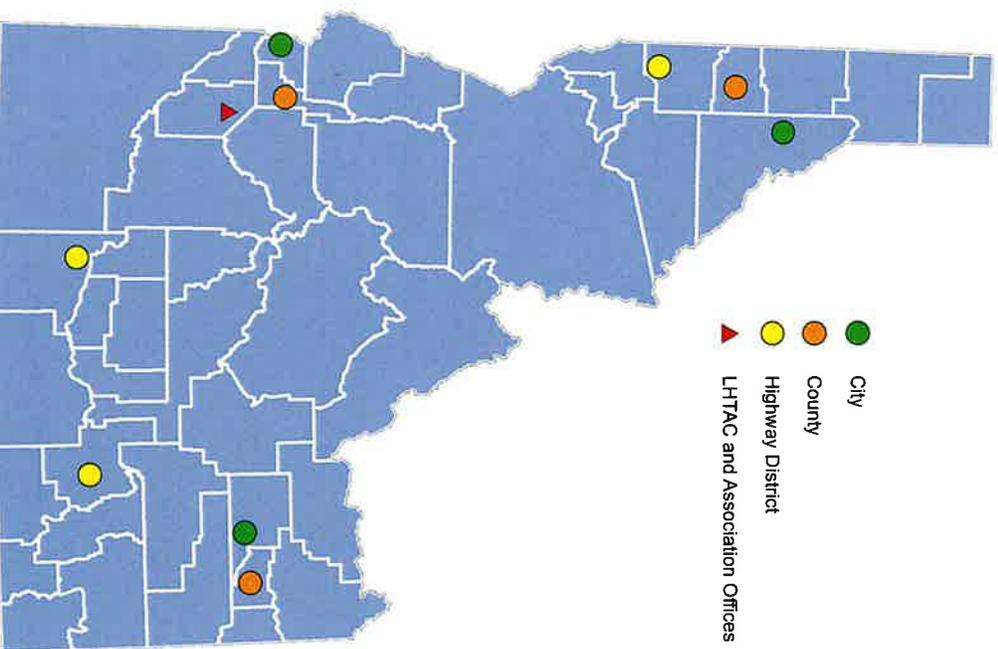
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Governance

LHTAC Council:

- 3 County Commissioners
- 3 Highway District Commissioners
- 3 City Officials
- 3 Ex-Officio Members
 - Idaho Assoc. of Counties
 - Idaho Assoc. of Highway Districts
 - Assoc. of Idaho Cities
- Meet quarterly
 - 3 in Boise, 1 traveling
- Report to House/Senate Transp. Committee



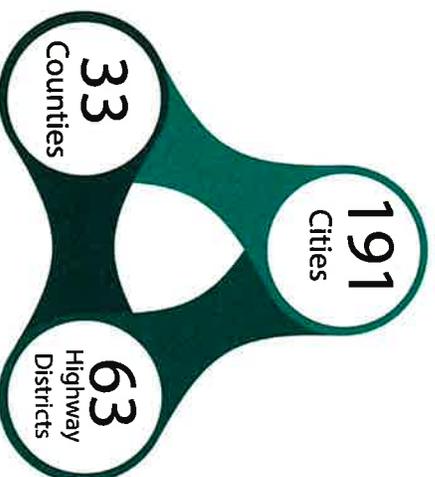
Local Highway Jurisdictions

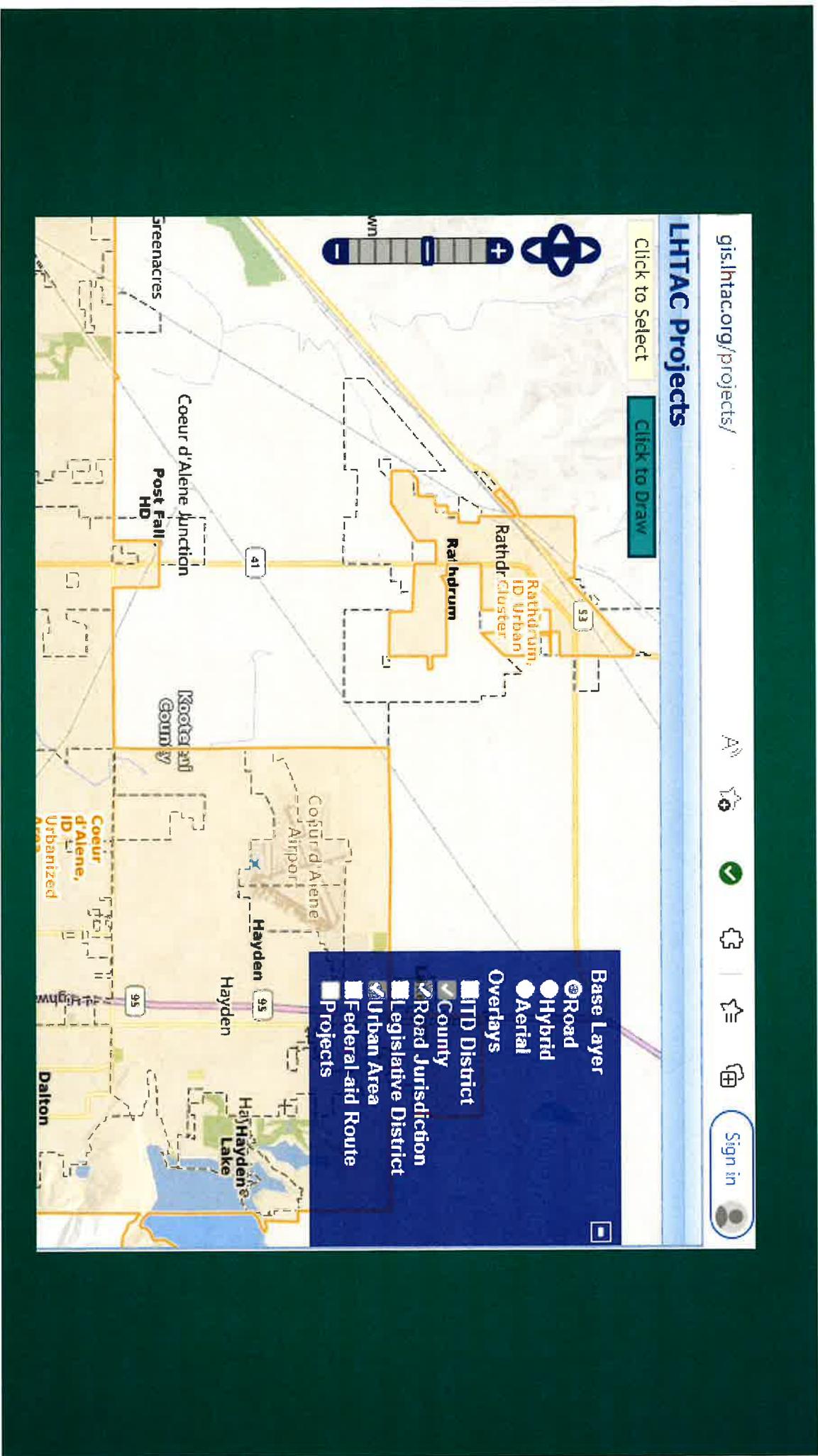
Local Political Subdivisions

- Cities
- Counties
- Highway Districts

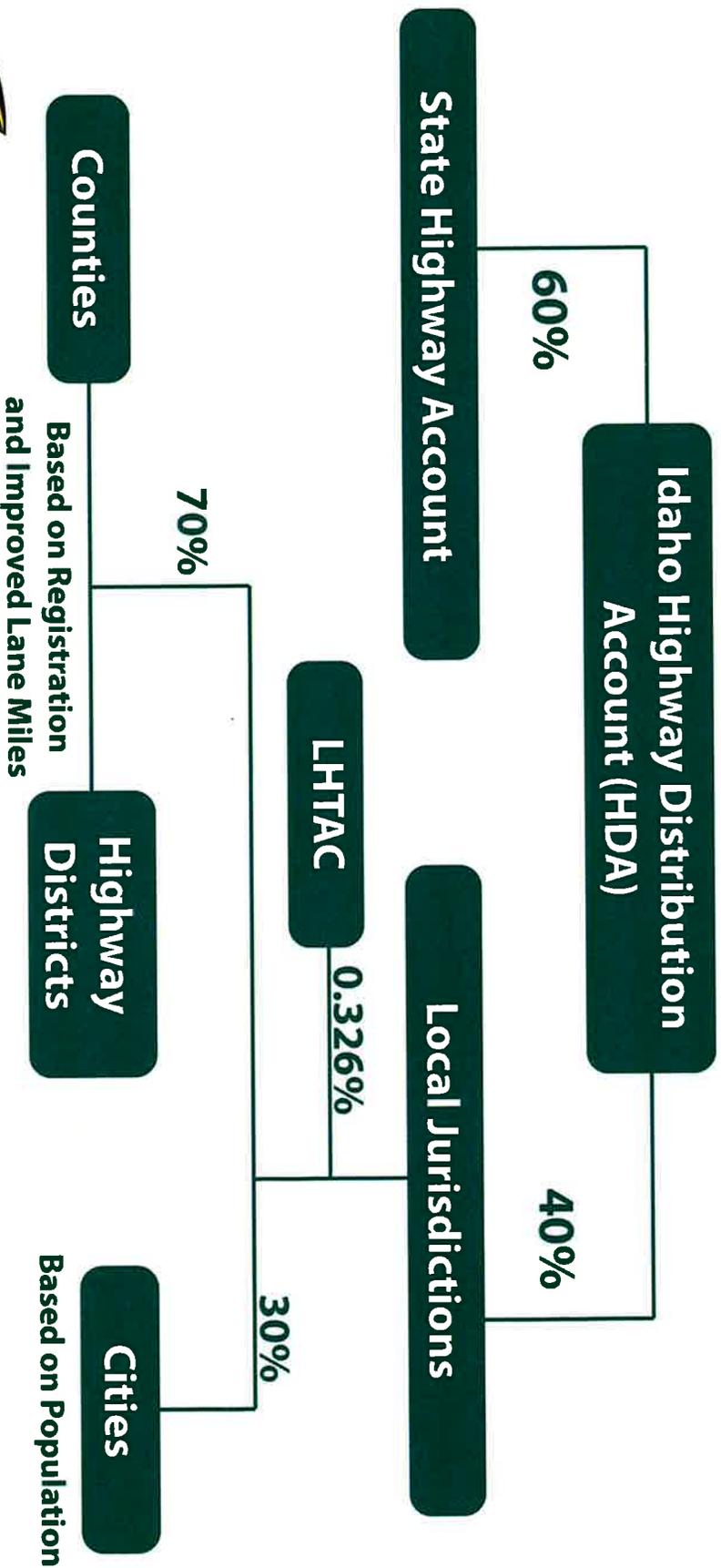
Federal Designations

- Transportation Management Area (TMA)
 - Over 200k population
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - 50k-200k population
- Small Urban
 - 5k-50k population
- Rural





Highway Distribution Flowchart



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Programs/Projects Administered by LHTAC

Federal-aid

- Rural (\$19M/yr)
- Small Urban (\$5M/yr)
- Bridge; off-system/local (\$13.5M/yr)
- LHSIP (\$11M/yr)
- TAP (\$7M/yr)

Other Projects

- Emergency Response
- Freight
- WFL - FLAP
- Federal grants

State

- LRHIP (\$4M/yr)
- Leading Idaho Local Bridge
- Children Pedestrian Safety

Past One-time State Programs

- Strategic Initiatives (2018-2019)
- Governor's Discretionary (2009-2010)

Idaho County
Glenwood & Adams Rd.
Emergency



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Project Pictures



Idaho County, Clear Creek Bridge,
Bridge-Local



Farmway Rd,
Notus-Parma HD, Rural



Post Falls HD, Int Prairie Ave &
Idaho Rd, LHSIP



Sidewalk Improvement,
Burley, TAP

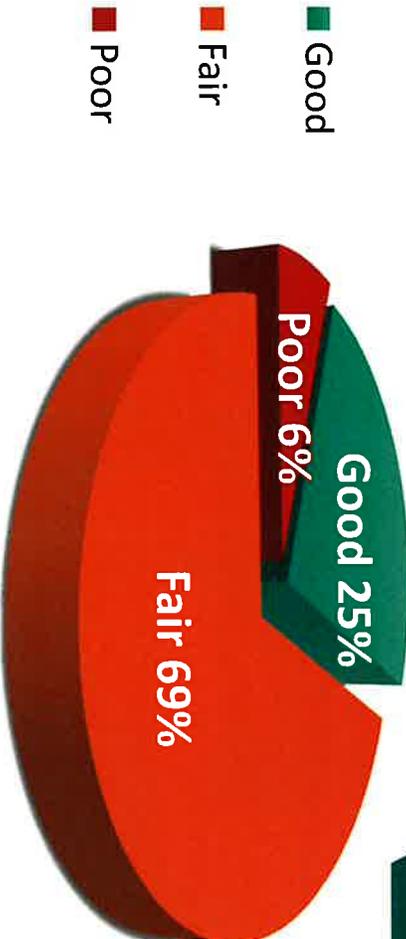
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- Classes offered 9-10 months/year
 - In-person and virtual
 - Safety, professional development, construction and maintenance techniques
- Road Scholar/Road Master Program
- Leadership Program



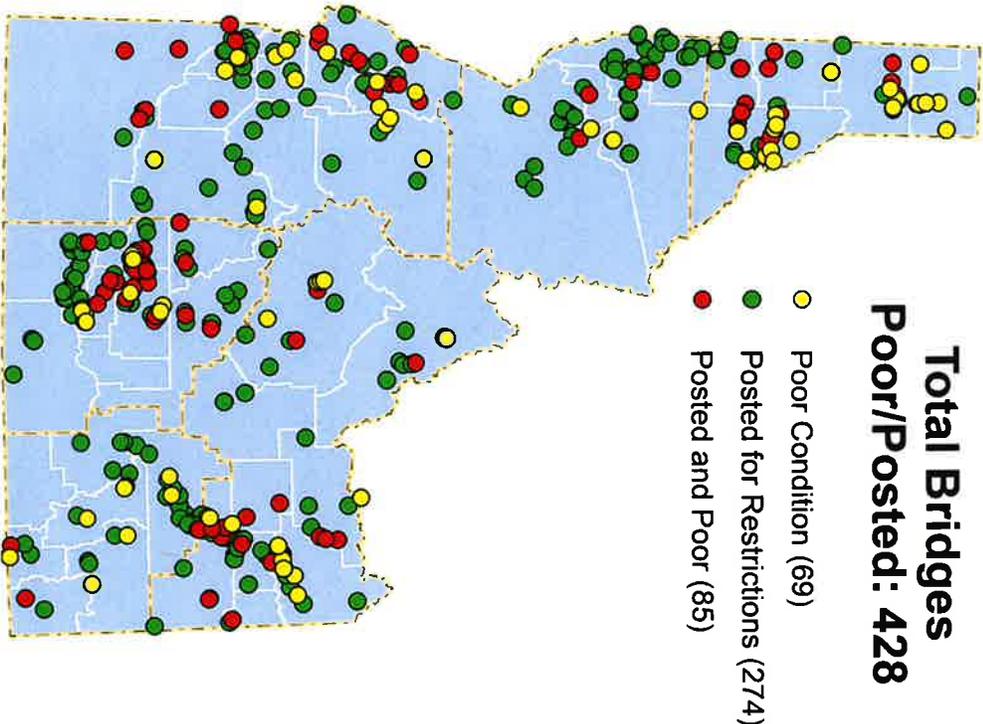
Twin Falls Highway District

Why Bridges?



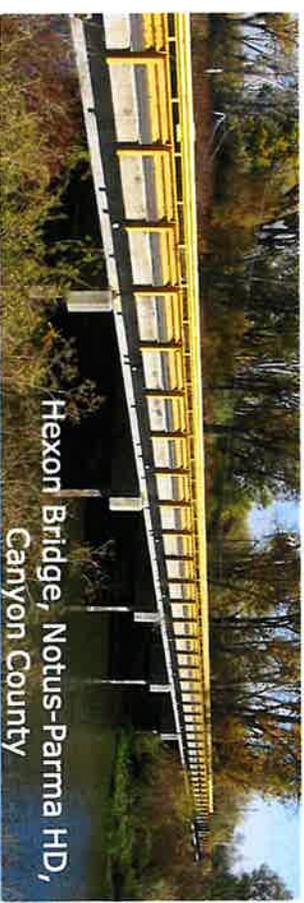
2,474 locally owned bridges

Nearly 50% of local bridges are 50 years old or older



Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program

- Goal to repair/replace 1/3 of poor and/or posted local bridges
- Benefits of Program
 - No local match
 - Efficiency
 - Less red tape
- Projects for local consultants and contractors
- Projects that don't "fit" in Federal-aid
 - \$500K-\$20M



Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program

March 2022	Bill signing
May 2022	Application published, outreach
June 2022	221 Applications received
July 2022	LHTAC Council/IT Board approve rankings
August 2022	LHTAC Council approves first round of projects
Oct. 2022	First bridge constructed



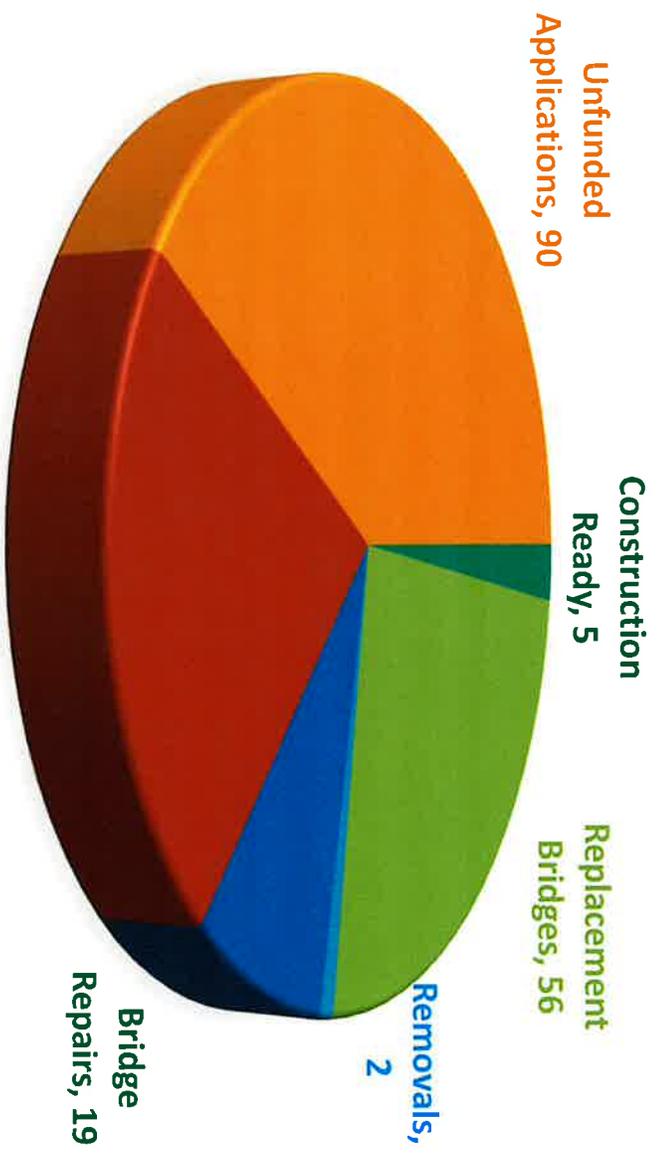
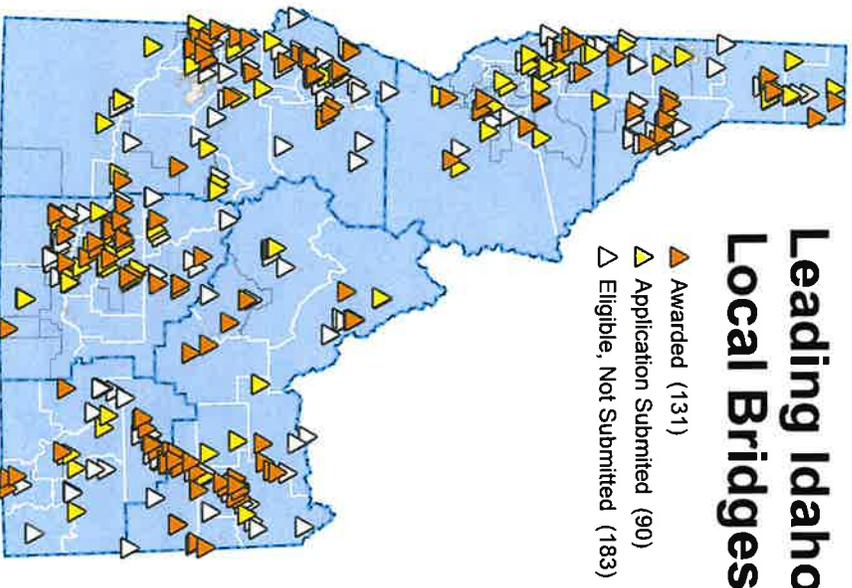
Before & After
Mormon Road Bridge
Camas County



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By the Numbers

Leading Idaho Local Bridges



221 applications received

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Ongoing Local Bridge Needs

- **49 bridges in the Testing & Analysis group**
 - Estimated cost to replace all, \$70M
- **90 bridge applications remain unfunded**
 - Estimated \$160M to fund replacements
- **183 bridges eligible, but application not submitted**
 - Local jurisdiction with higher priorities
 - Local jurisdiction reached maximum allowable bridges (50% of eligible bridges) for FY22 funding



600 North Rd. over R' Canal – Jerome HD

Children Pedestrian Safety

FY23: \$10M in surplus funds

Up to \$250K grants for local agencies

Used to improve children pedestrian safety

Simple application

Local administration



Before & After
City of Moscow



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Children Pedestrian Safety



Before & After
City of Driggs

Very popular program

Funded 4x previously with surplus dollars

- FY19: \$2 million
- FY20: \$2 million
- FY22: \$2 million
- FY23: \$10 million
- FY24: \$10 million (requested by Gov. Little)

76 total projects funded

More information – www.lhtac.org



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